

## Message Text

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O R 231513Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8406  
AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
USMISSION BERLIN

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, SP  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SPANISH AIR CONTROLLERS WORK TO RULE

REF: BONN 21506, BONN 21508

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT APPROACH  
TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT, EITHER US SOLO OR IN TANDEM WITH  
OTHER GOVERNMENTS, WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT  
IN CONTROLLERS SLOWDOWN. SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN  
ACTIVELY ENGAGED, SINCE ONSET OF SLOWDOWN IN AUGUST,  
IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AND RESTORE NORMAL  
SERVICE. PROBLEM IS BOTH TECHNICAL (INSUFFICIENT AND  
INOPERATIVE RADAR EQUIPMENT) AND SOCIAL/LABOR (CONTROLLERS  
UNHAPPY WITH PRESENT PAY AND PROMOTION SYSTEM). FAA HAS  
BEEN ACTIVE ALSO IN ASSISTING SPANISH GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING  
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EVALUATION AND REPAIR WORK ON EQUIPMENT. UNFORTUNATELY  
EMBASSY DOES NOT FORESEE EARLY RESOLUTION OF  
SLOWDOWN AND, FROM PRESS REPORTS, BELIEVES THAT  
CONTROLLERS WILL USE HOLIDAY PERIOD TO INCREASE  
DELAYS AND THUS PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT.

2. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE PREPARED, IF THE  
DEPARTMENT AGREES AND BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE  
AGREEABLE, TO RAISE JOINTLY WITH GOS THE SPECIAL PROBLEM  
POSED BY BERLIN. GOS MIGHT BE WILLING TO DISCUSS  
UNIQUE BERLIN SITUATION WITH CONTROLLER  
REPRESENTATIVES WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING SPECIAL  
CONSIDERATION FOR BERLIN FLIGHTS. WE CANNOT PREDICT  
THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD NECESSARILY PRODUCE  
POSITIVE RESULTS, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO MAKE THE  
EFFORT. STABLER

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